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FOR THE

CITY OF FALL RIVER.

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REPORT.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF POLICE,
FALL RIVER, MASS., Dec. 1, 1904.

To His Excellency JOHN L. BATES, Governor.

The Board of Police for the city of Fall River, in compliance with the provisions of chapter 351 of the Acts of 1894, respectfully submits the following report of the work of the police department for the year ending Nov. 30, 1904:—

THE DEPARTMENT.

Officers.

The police department, as at present constituted, is composed of:—

City marshal,	1
Assistant city marshal,	1
Captains,	5
Inspectors,	3
Lieutenants,	6
Clerk of city marshal,	1
Liquor officers,	2
Committing officer,	1
Patrolmen,	90
Wagon drivers,	2
Wagon officers,	2
Reserve officers,	11
Stewards,	9
Matrons,	2
Total,	136

The distribution of the force is shown by the following table:—

Distribution of Police Force Nov. 30, 1904.

RANK.	Head- quarters.	DIVISIONS.				Totals.
		1.	2.	3.	4.	
City marshal,	1	-	-	-	-	1
Assistant city marshal,	1	-	-	-	-	1
Captains,	-	2	1	1	1	5
Inspectors,	3	-	-	-	-	3
Lieutenants,	-	2	2	1	1	6
Clerk of city marshal,	1	-	-	-	-	1
Liquor officers,	2	-	-	-	-	2
Committing officer,	1	-	-	-	-	1
Patrolmen,	1	50	12	12	15	90
Wagon drivers,	-	2	-	-	-	2
Wagon officers,	-	2	-	-	-	2
Reserve officers,	-	10	-	1	-	11
Stewards,	-	3	2	2	2	9
Matrons,	-	2	-	-	-	2
Totals,	10	73	17	17	19	136

Vacancies.

There have been three vacancies during the year, as follows : —

Patrolman Charles H. Wilson resigned April 5, 1904. He was appointed on the force Feb. 3, 1890.

Patrolman Jeremiah H. Sullivan resigned June 21, 1904. He was appointed on the force Dec. 19, 1892.

Patrolman Henry N. Simmons died Sept. 22, 1904. He was appointed on the force Feb. 16, 1883.

Appointments.

Three patrolmen have been appointed on the regular force, as follows : —

NAME.	Date of Appointment.	Length of Service on the Reserve Force.
Joyce, Michael,	April 5, 1904.	34 months.
Lomax, Joseph F,	June 21, 1904.	15 months.
Salmon, Nicholas J.,	Oct. 4, 1904.	14 months.

Three reserve officers have been appointed, as follows :—

NAME.	Date of Appointment.	Age.	Birthplace.	Previous Occupation.
Kane, James T., . . .	April 21, 1904,	27	Fall River, Mass.,	Teamster.
Mills, Wesley S., . . .	June 21, 1904,	30	Chifton, Can., .	Clerk.
Livesey, Nathan, . . .	Oct. 4, 1904,	28	Darwen, Eng., .	Roller coverer.

CHARGES.

Nov. 22, 1904, Capt. Patrick Connors was given a hearing on charges of insubordination and disrespect towards a superior officer and conduct unbecoming an officer. The charges were sustained and he was suspended from duty, without pay, for two months.

WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Arrests.

The number of persons arrested during the year ending Nov. 30, 1904, was 3,625, against 4,697 the preceding year, — a decrease of 1,072, or 22.82 per cent. Of this decrease, 912, or 23.06 per cent., were males, and 160, or 21.58 per cent., were females. The following table is a comparative statement of the arrests for this year with those of the preceding year, and the average arrests for the nine years from 1895 to 1903, inclusive :—

OFFENCES.	1904.	1903.	Average for Nine Years, 1895-1903.
Offences against the person,	293	394	429
Offences against property, committed with violence.	87	93	79
Offences against property, committed without violence.	346	445	270
Malicious offences against property,	61	61	44
Forgery and offences against the currency, .	2	-	4
Offences against the license laws,	32	56	85
Offences against chastity, morality, etc., . .	182	180	172
Offences not included in the foregoing, . . .	2,622	3,468	3,265
Totals,	3,625	4,697	4,348

The number of males was 3,043; of females, 582; of foreigners, 2,090; of non-residents, 559. Sixty persons were delivered to other authorities, 1,129 were released (1,121 being first offenders, within twelve months, for drunkenness) and 2,436 were held for trial.

The number of arrests for the year is a decrease of 723, or 16.62 per cent., from the average for the nine preceding years. The number of arrests for the year is 3.18 per cent. of the population. The average for the nine preceding years (4,348) is 4.25 per cent. of the average population for that time.

The number of males arrested during the year is a decrease of 610, or 16.66 per cent., from the average for the nine preceding years. The number of females is a decrease of 113, or 16.26 per cent., from the average for the nine preceding years.

There were 393 persons arrested for offences against property. Of this number, 227, or 57.94 per cent., were under twenty years of age.

The average amount of lost property restored for the nine preceding years was \$10,258.24; in 1904 it was \$9,065.86, or \$1,192.38 less than the average. The average amount of stolen property recovered for the nine preceding years was \$7,592.62; in 1904 it was \$9,152.36, or \$1,559.74 more than the average.

Seventeen hundred and two persons were accommodated with lodgings,—an increase of 372 over last year. The average number of persons accommodated with lodgings during the nine preceding years was 2,472.

The number of non-residents arrested this year (559) is 15.42 per cent. of the total arrests. The number of non-residents arrested during the five preceding years was 16.72 per cent. of the arrests for that time.

Forty-seven and seven-tenths per cent. of the population is of foreign birth. The number of foreigners arrested this year (2,090) is 57.65 per cent. of the total arrests. The proportion of prisoners of foreign birth is 20.86 per cent. greater than the proportion of the population of foreign birth.

Thirty-five and one-tenth per cent. of the population is

between the ages of 20 and 39, inclusive. The number of persons between these ages arrested this year (1,926) is 53.13 per cent. of the total arrests. The proportion of prisoners between these ages is 51.36 per cent. greater than the proportion of the population.

The following table is a comparative statement of police work for ten years, from 1895 to 1904, inclusive : —

YEAR.	Popu- lation.	Number of Arrests.	Percentage of Arrests.	Lodgers accommo- dated.	Value of Lost Property re- stored.	Value of Stolen Property re- covered.
1895,	87,926	3,812	4.34	3,783	\$16,612 66	\$5,829 42
1896,	97,355	3,966	4.08	4,150	10,130 81	11,932 94
1897,	101,106	4,283	4.24	4,279	11,615 40	5,801 38
1898,	97,517	4,158	4.26	2,460	8,371 58	3,869 94
1899,	102,281	4,473	4.37	2,105	7,408 25	5,048 61
1900,	104,863	4,460	4.25	1,394	7,684 78	5,137 58
1901,	107,831	4,313	4.00	1,508	9,555 88	6,765 47
1902,	108,728	4,973	4.57	1,238	10,469 93	10,863 58
1903,	113,602	4,697	4.13	1,330	10,475 05	13,084 72
1904,	113,645	3,625	3.18	1,702	9,065 86	9,152 36
Average, . .	103,485	4,276	4.13	2,395	\$10,139 02	\$7,748 60

Drunkenness.

There were 1,807 persons arrested for drunkenness, against 2,456 the preceding year, — a decrease of 649, or 26.42 per cent. Of this decrease, 524 were males and 125 were females. Three hundred and eighty-four, or 21.25 per cent., were non-residents, and 1,125, or 62.25 per cent., were of foreign birth. The number of persons arrested this year for drunkenness is 1.58 per cent. of the population; the percentage for the nine preceding years was 2.27; for 1903 the percentage was 2.16. The number of arrests for drunkenness this year is a decrease of 516, or 22.15 per cent., from the average number for the nine preceding years.

Juveniles.

The number of juvenile offenders (those under seventeen years of age) was 340, against 473 the preceding year, — a decrease of 133, or 28.12 per cent. One hundred and

thirteen, or 32.65 per cent., were of foreign birth ; 574, or 84.41 per cent., of the parents were of foreign birth.

The number of juvenile offenders for the year is an increase of 52, or 18.06 per cent., over the average for the nine preceding years. The number of juveniles arrested this year for offences against property (173) is an increase of 24, or 16.1 per cent., over the average for these offences during the nine preceding years.

Inspector's Department.

The following statistics of this branch of the service are included in the general statement of the work of the department : —

Number of persons arrested,	126
Number of cases investigated,	1,223
Number of days in second district court,	157
Value of lost property restored,	\$181 50
Value of stolen property recovered,	6,021 00

Inspector of Claims.

The work of the officer detailed to assist the law department in investigating claims against the city was as follows : —

Number of cases investigated,	53
Number of witnesses interviewed,	266
Number of days in court,	26
Number of notices served,	107

Ages.

The ages of the prisoners were as follows : —

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
Under 20 years,	460	69	529
20 and under 25 years,	380	55	435
25 and under 30 years,	402	73	475
30 and under 35 years,	422	95	517
35 and under 40 years,	402	97	499
40 and under 45 years,	340	79	419
45 and under 50 years,	242	46	288
50 and under 55 years,	183	29	212
55 and under 60 years,	97	20	117
Over 60 years,	115	19	134
Totals,	3,043	582	3,625

Nativities.

The nativities of the prisoners were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Totals.		Males.	Females.	Totals.
Asia,	1	-	1	Greece,	1	-	1
Austria,	21	4	25	Ireland,	366	99	465
Australia,	6	-	6	Italy,	25	2	27
Brazil,	4	-	4	Norway and Sweden, .	7	1	8
British Provinces,* .	21	5	26	Portugal,†	164	5	169
Canada,	477	78	555	Roumania,	2	-	2
China,	29	-	29	Russia,	147	15	162
Denmark,	2	-	2	Scotland,	40	14	54
East Indies,	1	-	1	Spain,	1	-	1
England,	387	126	513	United States, . . .	1,308	227	1,535
Finland,	2	-	2	Wales,	22	4	26
France,	5	-	5	Totals,	3,043	582	3,625
Germany,	4	2	6				

* New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

† Includes Western Islands.

Miscellaneous Work.

Accidents reported,	123
Buildings found open,	246
Cases investigated,	27,030
Defective sidewalks reported,	516
Defective streets reported,	349
Defective water pipes reported,	32
Disturbances suppressed,	1,312
Fire alarms given,	43
Fires extinguished without alarm,	63
Fires, men on duty at,	883
Intoxicated persons assisted home,	110
Lodgers accommodated at station houses,	1,702
Lost children restored to parents,	485
Notices served for Board of Health,	135
Nuisances reported to Board of Health,	81
Search warrants served,	9
Gallons of malt liquor seized,	29
Gallons of spirituous liquor seized,	7
Stray teams cared for,	78
Street obstructions removed,	4,932

Number of Arrests and Nature of Offences.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.			JUVENILES.			NATIVITY.		RESIDENCE.		DISPOSITION.		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Native.	Foreign.	Resident.	Non-resident.	Held for Trial.	Delivered to Other Authorities.	Released.
Adultery,	12	6	18	-	1	1	7	11	15	3	18	-	-
Arson,	10	1	11	10	1	11	3	8	11	-	11	-	-
Assault and battery,	233	20	253	18	-	18	92	161	247	6	252	-	1
Assault, indecent,	10	-	10	3	-	3	4	6	10	-	10	-	-
Assault on officer,	9	-	9	-	-	-	4	5	9	-	9	-	-
Assault with a weapon,	7	-	7	2	-	2	1	6	7	-	7	-	-
Assault with intent to kill,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Bastardy,	17	-	17	-	-	-	8	9	14	3	16	1	-
Bicycle law, violation of,	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-
Blackmailing,	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-
Boarding-house keeper, defrauding,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Breaking and entering a building,	78	-	78	29	-	29	50	28	74	4	75	3	-
Breaking and entering a dwelling,	8	1	9	3	1	4	5	4	9	-	9	-	-
City ordinances, violation of,	85	1	86	48	1	49	48	38	84	2	86	-	-
Common drunkards,	3	2	5	-	-	-	3	2	5	-	5	-	-
Common nuisance, keeping a,	11	3	14	-	-	-	3	11	14	-	14	-	-

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Number of Arrests and Nature of Offences — Concluded.

NATURE OF OFFENCE.	SEX.			JUVENILES.			NATIVITY.		RESIDENCE.		DISPOSITION		
	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Males.	Females.	Totals.	Native.	Foreign.	Resident.	Non-resident.	Held for Trial.	Delivered to Other Authorities.	Released.
Insane persons,	10	3	13	-	-	-	5	8	10	3	-	8	5
Larceny,	264	27	291	83	2	85	160	131	247	44	278	11	2
Larceny from the person,	7	-	7	-	-	-	6	1	7	-	7	-	-
Larceny in a building,	17	-	17	6	-	6	10	7	12	5	14	3	-
Leased or mortgaged property, selling,	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	2	-	-
Lewd and lascivious behavior,	17	14	31	-	-	-	6	25	27	4	31	-	-
Lewd and lascivious cohabitation,	4	3	7	-	-	-	4	3	7	-	7	-	-
Liquor, selling illegally,	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	8	-	-
Lord's Day, violation of,	96	1	97	21	-	21	38	59	93	4	97	-	-
Lottery, promoting,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Malicious mischief,	46	4	50	22	-	22	16	34	49	1	50	-	-
Manslaughter,	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Marriage certificate, making false statements on,	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-
Milk law, violation of,	12	-	12	-	-	-	12	-	12	-	12	-	-
Neglected children,	13	16	29	13	16	29	27	2	29	-	29	-	-
Night-walking,	-	10	10	-	-	-	6	4	9	1	10	-	-

Peddler's license law, violation of,	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Perjury,	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Physician's registry law, violation of,	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	1	2	1
Polygamy,	4	-	4	-	-	3	-	1	3	1	2	2	2
Pool-room, admitting minors to,	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Rape and assault to rape,	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	3	1	3	1	-
Rape, accessory to,	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
Release, violation of conditions of,	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-
Robbery,	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	-	4	-
Runaway children,	-	2	2	-	2	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	2
Stealing a ride,	13	1	14	7	-	7	10	4	14	-	-	14	-
Stolen property, receiving,	3	2	5	-	-	-	1	4	5	-	-	5	-
Stubborn children,	25	18	43	12	7	19	27	16	43	-	-	43	-
Threatening,	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
Trespass,	9	-	9	9	-	9	4	5	9	-	-	9	-
Vagrants and tramps,	25	5	30	3	-	3	20	10	-	-	30	30	-
Totals,	3,043	582	3,625	305	35	340	1,555	2,090	3,066	559	2,436	60	1,129

Police Signal Service.

Seventy-five signal boxes are in use. There were 30,109 telephone messages and 475,115 on-duty calls sent in during the year. Three horses and two wagons are used in the patrol service. The wagons made 1,874 runs, covered 2,928 miles and conveyed 2,164 prisoners to the station houses.

The cost of maintaining the police signal system was \$7,275.42. The expenditures were as follows:—

Labor,	\$1,997 83
Purchase and care of horses, wagons and harnesses, . .	504 17
Rent and gas,	167 60
New signal apparatus,	2,880 00
Shop tools and supplies,	192 02
Wire,	255 84
Dry batteries,	26 05
Telephones,	40 10
Condensers,	90 00
Cross arms,	15 40
Conduit rods,	64 35
Miscellaneous,	87 62
Patrol service:—	
Exchange of horse,	\$150 00
New harness,	52 50
Harness and wagon repairs,	208 50
Food, shoeing, veterinarian and medicine,	524 74
Miscellaneous barn supplies,	18 70
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	954 44
Total,	<hr/>
	\$7,275 42

Licenses.

The law regulating the number of places which may be licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquors in all cities and towns, except Boston, which vote to grant licenses of the first five classes, provides that the number of places licensed shall not exceed one for each one thousand of the population, as ascertained by the last preceding national or State census. The number of places licensed was 104; 1 special club and 47 druggist's licenses were also issued.

The total amount paid into the city treasury for liquor licenses was \$206,247. Of this amount, 25 per cent.,

\$51,561.75, is paid to the treasury of the Commonwealth, and the balance, \$154,685.25, is the revenue to the city.

The following table exhibits the number of licenses of all kinds issued, etc., during the year ending Nov. 30, 1904 : —

	INTOXICATING LIQUORS.							Innholder.	Common Victualler.
	First Class, Innholder, Fee, \$2,500.*	First Class, Victualler, and Fourth Class, Retailer, Fee, \$1,800.	First Class, Victualler, and Fourth Class, Wholesaler, Fee, \$3,000.	Fourth Class, Wholesaler, Fee, \$1,500.	Fifth Class, Brewer, Fee, \$2,500.	Sixth Class, Druggist, Fee, \$1.	Special Club, Fee, \$300.		
Licenses issued,	7	83	10	2	3	47	1	3	197
Licenses revoked,	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	26
Licenses transferred,	-	7	-	1	-	4	-	-	10
License applications rejected, .	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	25
Transfer applications rejected, .	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

* One license issued for a portion of year only. Fee, \$1,000.

FINANCIAL.

Requisitions were made on the city council for the sum of \$147,622.68 to meet the running expenses of the department, including the police signal system. Deducting \$744.91, the amount paid into the city treasury for uniform materials, etc., leaves the net cost for maintaining the department \$146,877.77. The expenditures were as follows : —

Alterations and repairs to station houses,	\$2,061 41
Bedding,	34 25
Carriage hire,	28 50
Clocks,	15 50
Directories,	18 00
Disinfectants,	48 12
Express, freight and teaming,	11 09
Fuel,	886 40
Furniture,	151 33
Janitor,	572 00
Janitors' supplies,	112 47
Laundry work,	144 50
Law books,	21 50
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$4,105 07</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$4,105 07
Light,	1,562 92
Mail bags,	20 00
Military drill,	313 19
Newspapers,	61 00
Office expenses (postage, telegrams, etc.),	45 84
Officers' expenses (railway, food, etc.),	252 51
Prisoners (food, photographs, transportation, etc),	816 94
Salaries,	130,774 00
Signal system,	7,275 42
Stationery, record books and printing,	705 53
Telephones,	419 26
Typewriting machine,	68 00
Typewriter, services of, for city marshal,	216 00
Uniforms and equipments,	915 75
Miscellaneous,	71 25
Total,	\$147,622 68

Respectfully submitted,

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Board of Police.